GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
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Incentives to Farmers Using Solar Energy
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is providing subsidy/incentives under any of its schemes to the farmers in rural areas for promoting Solar Energy, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to enhance incentives being given to the farmers;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR POWER, COAL & NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a): Ministry is providing subsidy upto 30% for general category and 90% for special category States including for farmers under "Off-Grid & Decentralized Solar Applications" scheme which covers solar lightings, solar water pumps, solar lanterns, mini/micro grid etc. with focus in rural areas for promoting Solar Energy. Irrigation using solar pump is major initiative of the government and so far 94,870 nos. of solar irrigation pumps have been sanctioned, which are being allotted to farmers by the State Governments.
(b),(c)&(d): The current scheme provides good incentives for the farmers for promotion of solar energy.
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